

**COVID-19**

# SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING



**Tuesday, August 18, 2020**

## **VIRTUAL PRESS CONFERENCE PROVIDES UPDATE ON SNOHOMISH COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE**

Featured topics of the virtual press conference on Tuesday included the likely impacts to the county budget because of the economic fallout from the pandemic, some encouraging signs in coronavirus case counts; and new guidance about the effectiveness of different face coverings.

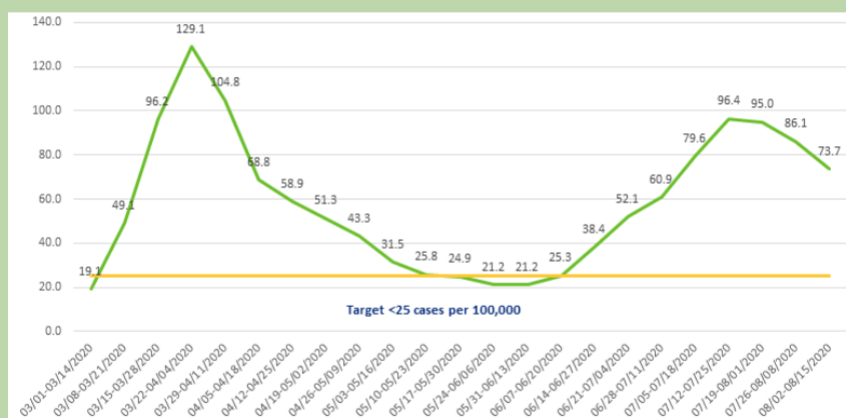
## **Virtual press conference provides update on Snohomish County COVID-19 response**

Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers and Snohomish District Health Officer Dr. Chris Spitters, on Tuesday gave updates on the response to COVID-19 in Snohomish County. Featured topics included the likely impacts to the county budget because of the economic fallout from the pandemic; some encouraging signs in coronavirus case counts; and new guidance about the effectiveness of different face coverings.

Somers said up to \$26 million more needs to be trimmed from the 2020-21 budget because of revenue lost to the economic slowdown. "This year looks to be one of the most challenging in recent memory," he said.

Dr. Spitters said that while case counts are now just below 75 per 100,000, there needs to be sustained progress before he would be comfortable with recommending in-person instruction at Snohomish County schools.

## **Snohomish County COVID-19 Case Rates**



Spitters said he is “cautiously optimistic about where things are going,” people must keep in mind that hospitals are seeing a slight increase in COVID-19 cases, and that has continued over the past six weeks.

For more information, watch the [video](#) or read the [transcript](#).

## VIDEO: WHY CASE RATES COUNT

A new video from the Joint Information Center explains case rates and why the statistic matters.

### Video: Why case rates count

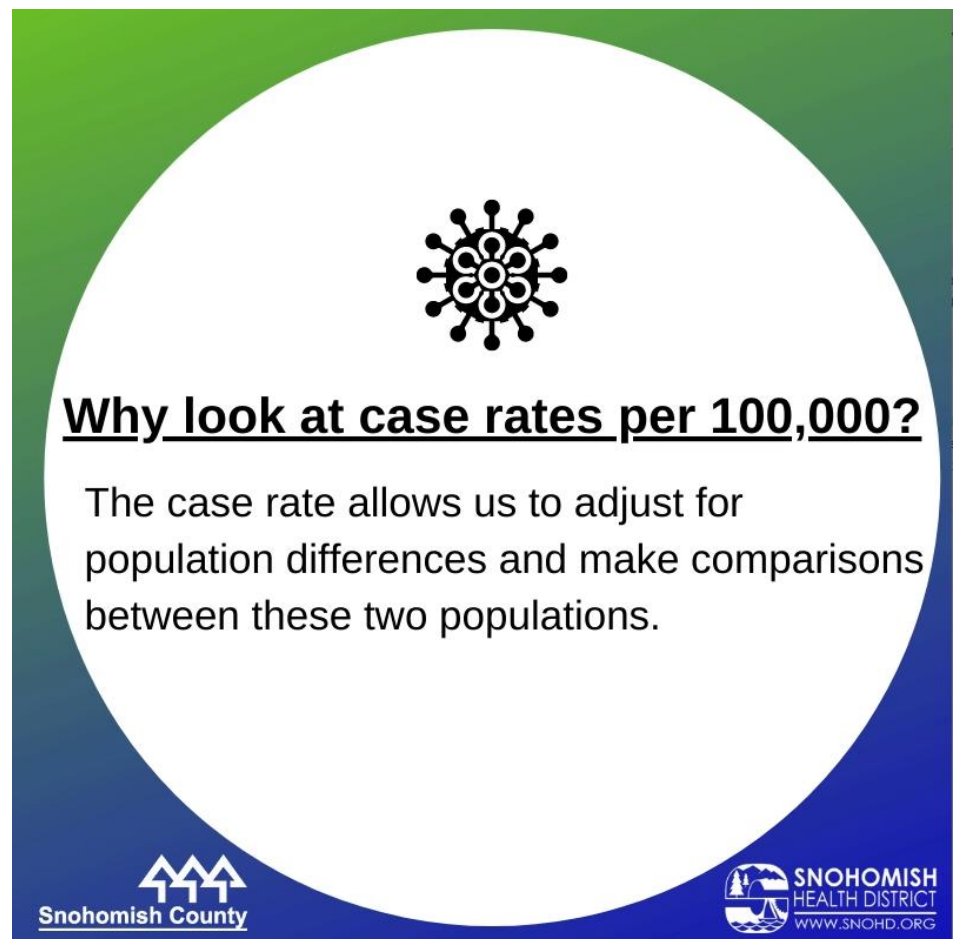
You’ve likely seen the COVID-19 case rate per 100,000 reported for Snohomish County. Why does this statistic matter?

Case rates provide a way to measure disease and compare the county to other areas, adjusting for differences in population.

The state Office of Financial Management recently reported a 1.4 percent increase in the population of Snohomish County. That contributed slightly to a decrease in the COVID-19 case rate this week because it is now calculated based on a higher number of people. The population change accounted for about one fewer case in the rates (73.7 cases per 100,000 with the new population estimate vs. 74.8 if the latest case rates were calculated with the previous population) The Joint Information Center published a brief social media video exploring case rates.


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**Why look at case rates per 100,000?**

The case rate allows us to adjust for population differences and make comparisons between these two populations.

  
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## **MOUNTLAKE TERRACE'S FALL CHILD CARE REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

The City of Mountlake Terrace, in partnership with the Edmonds School District, has announced its plans for child care during the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. Information and links at right.

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## **Mountlake Terrace's fall child care registration is open**



The City of Mountlake Terrace, in partnership with the Edmonds School District, has announced its plans for child care during the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. The City will provide flexible options for families who need child care during the pandemic at the

YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club, Kids Krew, and Right At School.

Families can register their student(s) on the provider's website, which can be accessed by clicking a link below:

### **Edmonds**

Chase Lake Elementary – [YMCA](#)

### **Lynnwood**

Cedar Valley Community School – [Right At School](#)

Martha Lake Elementary – [Boys and Girls Club](#)

### **Mountlake Terrace**

Terrace Park Elementary – [Kids Krew](#) (Mountlake Terrace Parks and Recreation)

The Kids Krew program has transitioned from a before- and after-school care model to a full-day child care program. Child care will be offered Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. with a 10-hour per day maximum. Parents will have the opportunity to register their children for as many days as they need care. The fees for the program are \$44 per day for residents of Mountlake Terrace and \$48 per day for non-residents. There is a 5% sibling discount for families that registers more than one child. The Kids Krew program will be operating at the Recreation Pavilion (5303 228th St. S.W.) and Terrace Park Elementary School (5409 228th St. S.W.), which is right next door.

Registration for Kids Krew is online only. Prior to registering online, parents will need to complete the required paperwork and pay the \$35 registration fee. Paperwork can be found online at [mltrec.com/2085/Child-Care](http://mltrec.com/2085/Child-Care) or by emailing [childcare@mltwa.gov](mailto:childcare@mltwa.gov).

For more information about the Kids Krew program, contact the Recreation Pavilion at 425-640-3108, [childcare@mltwa.gov](mailto:childcare@mltwa.gov), and read the [news release](#).

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## **EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT RELEASES DRAFT SCHEDULES FOR FUTURE REMOTE LEARNING MODEL**

The Edmonds School District released draft schedules for elementary, middle, and high school students during Continuous Learning 2.0.

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## **Edmonds School District releases draft schedules for future remote learning model**



The Edmonds School District released draft schedules for elementary, middle, and high school students. Under the hybrid learning model, school buildings would be closed Wednesdays and all students would participate in independent learning at home. Teachers would also schedule office hours for small groups or individual support. Time would also be set aside for professional development for staff.

To view the draft schedules, visit ESD's [webpage](#).

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## **MOUNTLAKE TERRACE RESTAURANT GUIDE: WHAT'S OPEN DURING PHASE 2**

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## **Mountlake Terrace restaurant guide: What's open during Phase 2**



Please review the [Mountlake Terrace Restaurant Guide](#) to see the current status of eating and drinking establishments under Phase 2 of the Safe Start Plan.

## LOCAL COMFORT FOOD PROGRAM

Comfort Food is a program helping to support the community by investing in small businesses and providing meals for those who need them most.

## Local comfort food program



Sound Credit Union, KIRO 7, and the Washington State Food Truck Association launched Comfort Food – a program helping to support the community by investing in small businesses and providing meals for those who need them most.

Every week, a food truck will deliver lunch to a local organization serving people in need.

For more information visit Sound Credit's [webpage](#).



## USC STUDY FINDS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS TEND TO APPEAR IN A SPECIFIC ORDER

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Researchers at the University of Southern California (USC) have found that the symptoms of COVID-19 tend to appear in a specific order, a discovery that could help enable earlier detection and treatment.

According to the study, the most likely order of symptoms is: fever, then cough and muscle pain, followed by nausea and/or vomiting, and then diarrhea.

For more information read the [study](#) and USC's [news release](#).

## QUICK AND AFFORDABLE SALIVA-BASED COVID-19 TEST DEVELOPED BY YALE SCIENTISTS RECEIVES FDA EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION

The U.S. FDA has granted an emergency use authorization for a saliva-based COVID-19 laboratory diagnostic test developed by Yale School of Public Health. The test is being further validated by NBA players and staff.

## Quick and affordable saliva-based COVID-19 test developed by Yale scientists receives FDA emergency use authorization

A saliva-based laboratory diagnostic test developed by researchers at the Yale School of Public Health to determine whether someone is infected with the novel coronavirus has been granted an emergency use authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

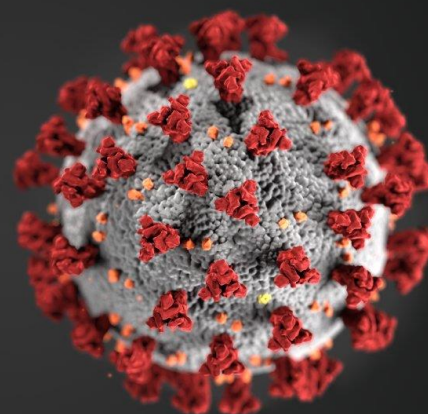
The method, called SalivaDirect, is being further validated as a test for asymptomatic individuals through a program that tests players and staff from the National Basketball Association (NBA). SalivaDirect is simpler, less expensive, and less invasive than the traditional method for such testing, known as nasopharyngeal (NP) swabbing. Results so far have found that SalivaDirect is highly sensitive and yields similar outcomes as NP swabbing.

With the FDA's emergency use authorization, the testing method is immediately available to other diagnostic laboratories that want to start using the new test, which can be scaled up quickly for use across the nation — and, perhaps, beyond — in the coming weeks, the researchers said.

For more information read Yale's [news release](#) and the FDA's [Tweet](#) and [news release](#).

## Coronavirus Update:

FDA issues Emergency Use Authorization to Yale University for SalivaDirect, a new method of saliva sample processing



### HHS INVESTS IN DIAGNOSTIC LABS TO EXPAND COVID-19 TESTING CAPACITY IN THE UNITED STATES

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### HHS Invests in diagnostic labs to expand COVID-19 testing capacity in the United States



Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced combined investments of \$6.5 million in two commercial diagnostic laboratories to expand capacity to conduct up to 4 million additional SARS-CoV-2 per month. SARS-CoV-2 is the virus that causes COVID-19. The investments in [Aegis Sciences Corporation](#) and in [Sonic Healthcare USA](#) will provide critical laboratory equipment supplied by [Beckman Coulter Life Sciences](#) and [Thermo Fisher Scientific](#) and increase staffing and infrastructure to allow the U.S. to perform an additional 1 million tests each

week by early October.

Read the full release [here](#).

### US-CANADA, MEXICO BORDER RESTRICTIONS EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 21

Non-essential travel restrictions between the U.S. and Canada and the U.S. and Mexico have been extended to September 21, 2020.

### US-Canada, Mexico border restrictions extended to September 21

U.S. Homeland Security officials have announced that non-essential travel restrictions between the U.S. and Canada and the U.S. and Mexico have been extended to September 21, 2020.



Acting Secretary Chad Wolf   
@DHS\_Wolf

We continue to work with our Canadian and Mexican partners to slow the spread of [#COVID19](#). Accordingly, we have agreed to extend the limitation of non-essential travel at our shared land ports of entry through September 21.

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## CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Data on case counts are available on the Snohomish Health District [website](#) and the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#).

## ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID- 19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Línea telefónica COVID-19 del condado de Snohomish: **425-388-7120**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help.

## Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of August 18, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:35 p.m.
Confirmed	5,850 (up 36 cases from 8/17)
Probable	738 (up 2 cases from 8/17)
Deaths	204

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:35 p.m.
Arlington	284 (200 recovered)
Bothell*	478 (360 recovered)
Brier	30 (26 recovered)
Darrington	8 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	543 (427 recovered)
Everett	1,916 (1,420 recovered)
Gold Bar	14 (7 recovered)
Granite Falls	46 (36 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	301 (232 recovered)
Lynnwood	1,060 (823 recovered)
Marysville	565 (410 recovered)
Mill Creek	108 (77 recovered)
Monroe	245 (175 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	190 (150 recovered)
Mukilteo	105 (84 recovered)
Snohomish	403 (284 recovered)
Stanwood	174 (142 recovered)
Sultan	29 (20 recovered)
Tulalip	48 (36 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	24 (22 recovered)
Woodway	13 (9 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. \*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.